



# Mountain View Recycling Resource

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## Holiday Schedule



There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later with Friday collection on Saturday.

## Tree Recycling

- Trees will be collected from homes at no charge between December 26 and January 23.
- Place undecorated green or flocked trees at the curb *on recycling day*.
- Remove metal stands and cut trees into 5-foot sections (to fit in truck).
- Apartment managers must arrange service. Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

## Extra Holiday Recycling for Homes

Extra recycling will be collected from homes *on recycling day* at no charge between December 26 and January 7:

- Place cans and bottles in one paper bag next to cart.
- Place mixed paper, newspaper, small cardboard together in another paper bag.
- In the event of rain, please double-bag recycling.
- Flatten and bundle cardboard pieces (no larger than 3' by 3')

## Snowman Lightbulb Craft

Are you replacing old lightbulbs with new CFL's? Put those old bulbs to use as snowman ornaments. Here are instructions for a simple version, but ideas for more elaborate versions can be found on-line, or use your imagination.



1. Balance the lightbulb on a toilet-paper tube to make it easier to paint.
2. Paint the glass part with 2 or 3 coats of white craft paint.
3. Paint the socket black. Make a hat from a circle of black felt
4. Paint in eyes, nose, mouth with black and red paint or markers.
5. Paint in tree-limb type arms on the side of bulb with brown paint.
6. Wrap and glue a strip of felt around the lightbulb neck to make a scarf.
7. Apply glue stick to the bottom and roll in glitter.
8. To hang, twist a bit of floral or craft wire around the socket.

## Shop Green This Holiday

What could be better than finding the perfect gift and protecting the environment too? Here are some ways to reduce waste while still enjoying holiday gift-giving activities.

- Give an Experience with a gift of concert, theatre or sporting event tickets, personal service gift certificates or museum and park memberships.
- Shop consignment stores, garage sales, and thrift stores for the practical or the unusual.
- Look for durable and re-usable items. Choose solar-powered instead of battery powered products.
- Consider homemade gifts such as foods and sweets, a potted plant or tree, coupons (for dinner, handy-man service or babysitting) or transportation passes (bus, VTA, Caltrain or BART).
- Visit the Green Gift Guide™ at **www.greengiftguide.com** to shop for gifts made from recycled materials.



**Visit these websites for waste free holiday tips:**

Go to **www.reducewaste.org** and choose **Residential**

Go to **www.use-less-stuff.com** and choose **42 Ways to Trim Your Holiday Wasteline**

Go to **www.recycleworks.org** and choose **At Home**, then **Holidays**

Go to **www.ciwmb.ca.gov/publiced/holidays**

## Green Business Program Continues Growth

Nineteen Mountain View businesses have been certified Green this past year through the Bay Area Green Business Program. Each of these businesses is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner, meeting or exceeding standards for conserving natural resources, preventing pollution and minimizing solid waste. A complete list of Mountain View's 35 Green Businesses can be found at **www.mvrecycle.org**.

### Congratulations to Mountain View's new green businesses:

**American Century Investments**

**Caspio, Inc.**

**Conceptus, Inc.**

**Coupons, Inc.**

**eHealth, Inc.**

**Facilities First**

**Fenwick and West, LLP**

**Green Stock Media/Kahncious Multimedia**

**Hawley Peterson & Snyder Architects**

**Hotel Avante**

**Hula Networks, Inc.**

**Mind Source**

**Moffett Laundrymat**

**Mountain View Senior Center**

**Red Hat, Inc.**

**SoIFocus, Inc.**

**Stratify**

**UPLifting Personal Fitness**

**Weiss Associates/Aqua Tierra Assoc., Inc.**



**Green Business**  
Santa Clara County

This program is sponsored by Santa Clara County and Cities. Certified businesses receive use of the Green Business logo and window decal and are listed in the consumer's Green Business Directory. For more information, contact the County at **(408) 282-3180** or **SCCReduce.Waste@aem.sccgov.org**.

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3’x3’ and place on top of curb.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

**Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034.**

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

What’s accepted?		What’s not accepted?	
<p><b>Paper</b></p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p> <p><b>Glass Bottles and Jars</b></p> <p>Beverage bottles</p> <p>Canning jars</p> <p>Jam and peanut butter jars</p> <p>Olive oil and vinegar bottles</p> <p>Soup and spaghetti jars</p> <p>Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)</p>	<p><b>Metal Cans</b></p> <p>Aluminum cans</p> <p>Bimetal cans (cat food cans)</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p>  <p><b>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</b></p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p>	<p><b>Paper</b></p> <p>Any paper that has touched food.</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p> <p><b>Metal Cans</b></p> <p>Aerosol can (empty or full)</p> <p>Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts</p> <p>Pots, pans and appliances</p> <p><b>Glass Bottles and Jars</b></p> <p>Ceramic coffee cups or dishes</p> <p>Drinking glasses</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb</p> <p>Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</p>	<p><b>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</b></p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids and caps</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p> 

\* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.



For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below\*).
  - 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).
- Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 6 (Week A).

**Questions?** Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** for schedules.



Color = Week A  
Grey = Week B

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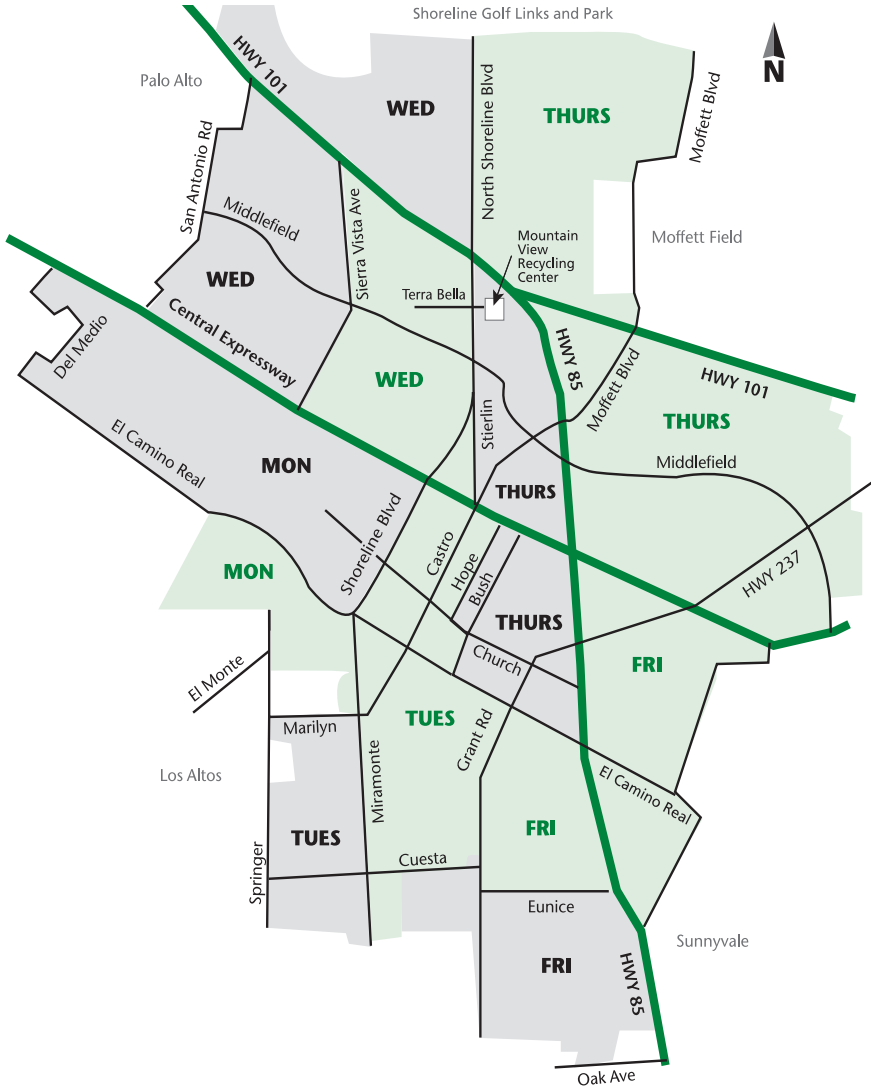
Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 26), Christmas (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday Collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2008 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments accepted December 24, 2008 through January 23, 2009.

\*Find your collection day online: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) and click on collection schedule.



Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.



Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)  
Curbside Collection  
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)  
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)  
(fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup> and vehicle)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Facility (408-299-7300)  
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.

<sup>1</sup> Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (**650-967-3034**).

<sup>2</sup> Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

# Recycling Directory

## Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

**Fluorescent lamps** (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

**Lamps and batteries**

Blossom True Value Hardware  
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871  
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware  
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000  
(Leave at customer service desk)

**Lamps only**

New Era Lighting  
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

**Batteries only**

Wolfe Camera  
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

## Services

**Utility and garbage billing information**

including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.  
City Finance and Administrative Services Department  
650-903-6317

**Garbage and recycling collection**

including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.  
Foothill Disposal Company  
650-967-3034

**Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

**Household hazardous waste** can be taken for free disposal by appointment.  
County Toxics Hotline  
408-299-7300  
[www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)

**Home composting information**

including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures.  
County Compost Hotline  
408-918-4640  
[www.ReduceWaste.org](http://www.ReduceWaste.org)

**Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution.  
City Environmental Safety Staff  
650-903-6378

**Recycling Leaders Program**

City Public Works Department  
650-903-6311

**Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates.  
City Water Conservation Staff  
650-903-6216

**Visit the City of Mountain View's web site** for business or residential recycling information: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org)

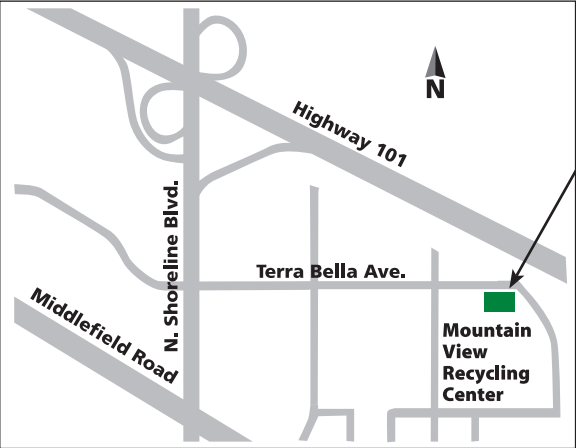


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## Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



### Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Hours:** Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm  
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

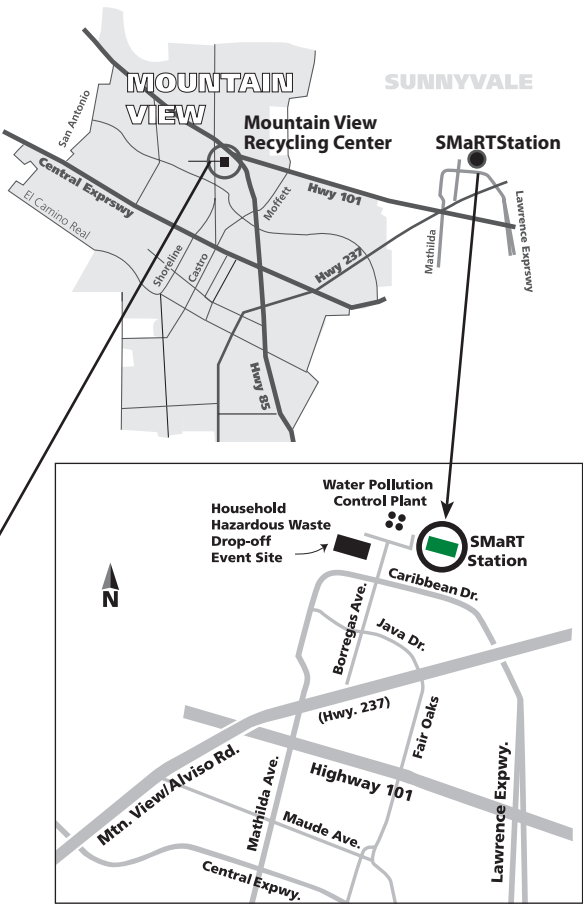
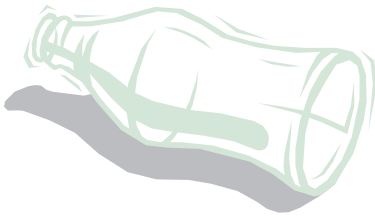
**Questions?** Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

**Recyclables Accepted (no charge)**

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries\*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

\* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



### SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

**Hours:** Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

**Questions?** Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

**Recyclables Accepted (no charge)**

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

## Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar 2008–2009

2008	<b>December</b>	
	Dec. 26–January 23	Holiday tree collection on your recycling day
	Dec. 26–January 7	Extra holiday recycling on your regular pick-up day
2009	<b>January</b>	
	January 17	Compost Workshop
	January 17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
	<b>February</b>	
	February 21	Compost Workshop
	February 21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
	<b>March</b>	
	March 14	Arbor Day at Pioneer Park; info: 650-903-6273
	March 14	Free Paper Shredding Event; info: 650-903-6311
	March 23	Compost Workshop
	March 23	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off**

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Visit [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) for more information.

**Compost Workshop**

To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online at [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org).

